

CLAIMS

The claims currently stand as follows:

1 – 9. (canceled)

10. (previously presented) The aqueous solution of claim 18 further comprising a chelating agent.

11. (original) The aqueous solution of claim 10 wherein said chelating agent is selected from the group consisting of ethylene diamine tetraacetic acid, diethylene triamine pentaacetic acid, salts thereof, and mixtures thereof.

12. (previously presented) The aqueous solution of claim 18 further comprising a surfactant.

13. (original) The aqueous solution of claim 12 wherein said surfactant is selected from the group consisting of poloxomers, poloxamines, octoxynol, hydroxylated castor oil, and tyloxapol.

14. (previously presented) The aqueous solution of claim 18 further comprising a tonicity agent.

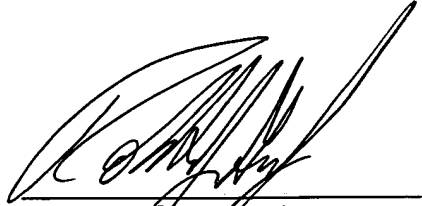
15. (original) The aqueous solution of claim 14 wherein said tonicity agent is sodium chloride.

16. (previously presented) The aqueous solution of claim 18 further comprising a viscosity modifying agent.

17. (original) The aqueous solution of claim 16 wherein said viscosity modifying agent is selected from the group consisting of lecithin, hydroxymethylcellulose, hydroxypropylcellulose, hydroxypropylmethylcellulose, and methylcellulose, polyvinyl alcohol, and polyvinyl pyrrolidone.

18. (previously presented) An aqueous solution for disinfecting a contact lens comprising from 0.1 to 10 ppm of a microbicide selected from the group consisting of polyhexamethylene biguanide and alexidine; and 0.001 to 0.2 mol/L of 1,3-bis(tris[hydroxymethyl] methylamino)propane or a salt thereof, said solution adjusted to pH 6.8 to 7.5.

Respectfully submitted,

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